



# Mayor Mark Mallory

City of Cincinnati

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## **Mallory to Give the State of the City Mallory: We are undergoing a rebirth; the City is Strong**

Cincinnati – Tonight, Mayor Mark Mallory will deliver his second State of the City Address at 7:00 pm in the Jarson Kaplan Theater in the Aronoff Center for the Arts. The Master of Ceremonies will be John Taylor, CEO of PNC Bank and the incoming Chair of the Cincinnati Business Committee. The Mayor will be introduced by Jazmone Kelly, the new President of the Mayor's Youth Council.

Interest by the public in the event has been extremely high. All of the seats have been reserved.

The Mayor is going to talk about the progress and achievements of the city over the last year, and lay out a vision for the year ahead. He will be addressing the key issues in the city including, public safety, youth, neighborhoods, economic development, city finances, and public transportation.

Doors will open at 6:15 pm. Advance copies of the speech will be made available to the media at the event. However, they will be embargoed until the speech is finished. An electronic copy will be distributed after the speech. The speech will be posted on the City's website tonight.

Excerpts from the speech:

"We are seeing the signs of progress in many areas of our community. There are neighborhoods that have new investment in housing and development, our downtown is growing, and for the first time in 50 years people are moving back into Cincinnati."

"Crime impacts every aspect of the city's growth and progress, and that's why it remains our number one priority. We will not allow the criminals to win. We will fight, and we must be united in that fight."

"This year, we will launch a Youth Violence Intervention Initiative, a comprehensive community based approach to public safety that is a partnership between the City of Cincinnati, Children's Hospital, law enforcement, and community organizations. A similar effort in Boston led to a dramatic reduction in violent crime and homicides."

"And to better coordinate law enforcement efforts in the region, I will be convening a Regional Safety Council to bring together the leadership of our law enforcement community. This standing committee will allow us to share information, increase opportunities for collaboration, and to develop additional strategies to get criminals off our streets."

“In order to keep our city strong financially, we must be smart and proactive. Therefore, I will appoint a special Task Force on City Finances, and will work with them help us set the course for a strong financial future for our city. We have some of the greatest financial minds in the country right here in our city and I am going to enlist their help to take a close look at our financial structure and make recommendations about how we can meet our future challenges.”

“Last year, Cincinnati grew through the development of several new projects across the city. We actively encouraged new housing construction by investing in infrastructure. 22 new town homes in Evanston; 60 new condos in Westwood; 53 new condos and 205 apartments in Corryville; 34 new homes in Columbia Tusculum; 32 new homes in Madisonville, and 26 condos in Over-the-Rhine. It is clear that people want to live in the City of Cincinnati.”

“I have also engaged in a conversation with area leaders on how to implement what I am calling the Cadillac Plan for Public Transportation. That plan will revolutionize our system of public transit for the 21<sup>st</sup> Century.”

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